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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON AND BOUTROS VISIT TO THE US

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS TELEPHONED ME MONDAY MORNING, SEP 19, AND ASKED IN A WORRIED VOICE IF I HAD ANYTHING NEW TO PASS TO HIM. I SAID I HAD RECEIVED NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS SINCE MY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE PREVIOUS DAY (BEIRUT 4594). BOUTROS SAID HOSS HAD DISCUSSED OUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM AND BRIEFED HIM ON THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.

2. BOUTROS ASKED WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS ESCALATION IN THE SOUTH? I SAID I DID NOT KNOW AND SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS BETTER WAS NOT DISCUSS THIS ON THE PHONE. BOUTROS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD WEIZMAN WAS IN CHARGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ISRAEL AND THEREFORE HE ASSUMED THE KEY MEETINGS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE IN TEL AVIV EVEN THOUGH DAYAN WAS IN WASHINGTON. HE ASKED THAT I GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY AS SOON AS I HAD ANYTHING FURTHER TO TELL HIM.

3. ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE STATES, BOUTROS REPEATED THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING LEBANON ON SATURDAY, SEPT 24, ARRIVE IN NEW YORK SUNDAY NIGHT, SEP 25, AND WOULD BE PREPARED FOR MEETINGS BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING, SEP 26. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO HIM IN
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ORGANIZING HIS SCHEDULE IF WE COULD LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE TIMES AND DATES OF HIS MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ANY INFORMATION I CAN PASS TO BOUTROS ON TIMING OF HIS MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY. I WOULD ALSO WELCOME ADVICE ON HOW

TO HANDLE HIS QUESTION IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

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